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RESOLUTION:

Trapping is used to destroy natural mid-range predators and to overproduce waterfowl for hunter targets. The steel jaw trap was invented in the early 1800s by a 17- year old trapper, and has never been modified. It is one of the cruelest and most indiscriminate weapons of torture ever devised by humans.

Trapping education is organized and promoted by the Department of Natural Resources in partnership with The Trapping Association. About 1/20th of one percent of Wisconsin's population participates in this cruelty. Statistics prove that trappers spend more on their hobby than they earn from the fur commodity.

Whereas the steel jaw trap has been banned in 88 countries because of its extreme cruelty,

And whereas trapping education encourages children to bludgeon or suffocate trapped animals and is clearly a cruelty, and since the government should not be in the business of encouraging children to be cruel,

Be it Resolved, the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting, held April 10, 2006, recommends that the Dept. of Natural Resources take action to correct this situation by banning the steel jaw trap and stopping its participation in teaching children that the atrocity of trapping is commendable.

Be it Resolved that the DNR get out of the trapping business, and put the trapping business out of business. The destruction of wildlife held in the public trust for a minority is not acceptable.

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